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Dear Parent (s)/Guardian:

This letter is to notify you that **Southmoreland Middle School** has a policy in place for the use of technology during the academic day. Students are **NOT** permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. If the student does have his/her cell phone there will be a tier of consequences.

Students please be aware that:

- Possession means visible. If your phone is not secured and put away and a teacher or administrator sees it, you will be directed to put it away. An email will be sent by the teacher to Mrs. Shinsky and the building Principal as a record.
- If you do not put the phone away or it is observed a second time, you will turn your phone over to your teacher or administrator. You will be allowed to pick it up at the close of the day from the office. A record of the infraction will be kept.
- If you are observed with your phone out a third time, you will turn your phone over to the teacher or administrator for parent pickup.
- If you are observed with your phone visible for a fourth time, you will turn over the phone for parent pick up and you will be assigned a two hour after school detention.
- Refusal to turn over the phone is considered Defiance of Authority and you will be sent home for the day. A second refusal is two days of OSS for Continued Willful Disobedience. A third is three days of OSS and a parent meeting for the same infraction.

Students are NOT permitted to have earbuds, air pods, or any other headphone device at any time during the school day. The same above tier will apply to addressing “headphone” like devices. Students are not permitted to use cell phones to call home at any time during the school day. Students are to report to the office and call home if needed. Students are to be **ONLY** using a school issued Chromebook during the school day. All other devices are **NOT** permitted. All classrooms have extra Chromebooks for a student to use as needed.

While we are taking steps to address and modify this behavior, it is essential that you also reinforce our expectations that students are to follow school policy. Please discuss this with your child so that he/she understands that we share the same values for good choices.